

right by, as I say, those voiceless and vulnerable and to consider the divine worth of every human life that we have taken an oath to serve, from womb to tomb.

It is written in Psalm 139: "For You created my innermost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

We should do all in our power to stand for life and to ensure that the unborn get to live out each of the days that God ordained for them before one ever came to be.

Let us unite as a legislature to determine that, in the United States, we will preserve the most basic right to life and the ability of good-willed Americans to provide life-affirming care in pursuit of that cause.

#### GUARANTEEING AMERICANS ACCESS TO ACCURATE HEALTH INFORMATION

(Mrs. SYKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SYKES. Madam Speaker, I rise to voice my opposition to legislation brought before this body today.

Our focus in this Congress should be to guarantee the American people have access to accurate health information, including their reproductive health. As we talk about crisis pregnancy centers today, we need to be clear and transparent about what these centers are actually able to do and, most importantly, not do.

Too often, people go to these centers expecting a certain level of care due to their misleading name, but they cannot actually get the medical attention they deserve and need. They target low-income and minority communities and shamefully insinuate that they are healthcare providers when they are not.

As such, these centers are inherently contributing to misinformation that fuels the high infant and maternal mortality across our country, which disproportionately impacts Black women and babies.

If we are serious about protecting life, we need to be honest and these centers need to be honest and provide transparent information about the services they provide to pregnant women and their families.

I hope this Chamber will work together to find real solutions to improve maternal and infant health outcomes for the American people. Lives are certainly dependent upon it.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose the legislation before us today.

#### FLORIDA KEYS MIGRANT CRISIS

(Mr. GIMENEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today as our Florida Keys are under a state of emergency.

The President's unwillingness to secure our border, coupled with his pathetic policy of appeasement and concessions to the brutal Castro regime in Cuba, have created a migratory crisis unlike any other that the Florida Keys has seen in decades.

Since August 2022 alone, Federal, State, and local law enforcement have encountered nearly 10,000 people in waters off the coast of Florida, and the Biden administration is directly responsible.

Dry Tortugas National Park has already been forced to close because of this crisis, affecting the tourism-dependent economy of our Florida Keys constituents, boaters, and tour operators, and the Biden administration is directly responsible.

Secretary Mayorkas has repeatedly demonstrated abdication of his responsibilities as leader of the Department of Homeland Security and failed to enforce our public safety immigration laws. That is why I am calling on him to resign immediately.

Governor Ron DeSantis quickly activated the National Guard, and I commend him on behalf of my constituents for his leadership and bold action.

I am calling on the Biden administration to take action now. We must reimburse Monroe County and the State of Florida for local resources that have been expended to process and care for the latest wave of migrants. We need to increase Customs and Border Protection onsite in Monroe County and provide additional resources to the Florida Keys.

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#### REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

(Ms. BALINT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BALINT. Madam Speaker, the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* was dehumanizing and dangerous. It does not reflect the will of the majority of Americans who deeply value control over their own bodies.

As leader of the State senate in Vermont, I worked to make sure that my State was the first in the Nation to explicitly protect reproductive freedoms in its constitution. It is time to provide these same protections for all Americans.

While Republicans seek to control women's bodies to try to distract us from their extreme stances with farcical resolutions, my Democratic colleagues and I will not stop until reproductive freedoms are restored as the law of the land.

The American people are overwhelmingly with us. They want their rights. They want their freedoms.

As a woman, as a mother, as a Congresswoman, I will continue to fight

for a world where abortion care is legal, safe, and accessible for all Americans.

#### PROTECTING THE UNBORN

(Mr. MORAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to stand here today on the floor of the House of Representatives to serve as the voice of east Texans in Congress.

As a man of faith and father of four children, I rise today for the very first time as a Member of Congress to stand for the sanctity of life and in full support of children nationwide. I can think of no better cause than the cause of life.

Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, Congresswoman ANN WAGNER, for bringing this valuable bill to the floor. I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which will ensure that all children who are born are protected and treated the same as any other newborn.

Every life is a gift. Every life has a calling divinely given by God. I stand firmly committed to protecting those lives and to opposing any action that threatens them. This legislation is the next step in our effort to protect our future generations and return to our Nation's values.

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(Ms. PETTERSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PETTERSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today because at a time when Americans across the country are facing urgent needs, Republicans are choosing to spend the first week of Congress attacking women's reproductive healthcare.

This week, we should be advancing legislation to fight inflation and lower everyday costs for families who are struggling to make ends meet. We should be passing measures to improve our education system and address our dire workforce shortages.

Instead, Republicans are doubling-down on their assault on women's reproductive freedom, even though the vast majority of Americans believe that women should have the right to choose.

I came to Congress to make a meaningful difference in people's lives and fight against extremism just like this.

The people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District sent me here to ensure these personal decisions are kept between women, their doctors, and their families, not Members of Congress.

Just like I did in the State senate, I will not stop fighting until all Americans have control over their own bodies, their own healthcare decisions, and their own lives.